GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ANDHRA PRADESH BY BRITAIN
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Britain provided financial assistance of Pound 94.4 million for Andhra Pradesh urban Services improvement project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total amount so far released out of the sanctioned financial assistance;

(d) whether the project is due for completion in 2006 and is going as per schedule;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKR)

(a): There is an agreement with Department for International Development (DFID), United Kingdom, for an amount of Pounds 94.4 million for Andhra Pradesh Urban Services Improvement Project.

(b): The purpose of the Project is that the poor in existing 32 Class-Itowns of Andhra Pradesh benefit from improved access to more appropriate and sustainable services. It is estimated that 2.2 million slum dwellers will benefit.

(c): An amount of Pounds 2.896 million has been disbursed till 31.1.2003.

(d)to(f): As per the agreement, the project is due for completion in 2006. The Govt. of Andhra Pradesh has informed the delay in the start of the project and late finalization of Municipal Action Plan for Poverty Reduction (MAPP) guidelines as the reasons for delay in its implementation.